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NEWS AND COMMENTS.

Gov. Cullom is the senator elect from Illinois.

Senator Hoar was re-elected from Massachusetts.

Senator Ransom was re-elected from his state of North Carolina.

John G. Harris has been elected senator from Tennessee. Harris is the old war governor of the state.

Twelve thousand dollars will be offered by the government for the house in which Lincoln died.

The Santa Fe gas company has declared a dividend of five dollars a share. The company is evidently not all gas.

An enterprising firm in Albuquerque is going to build at twenty-acre fish-pond for the propagation of German carp.

The Planters house in St. Louis was damaged by fire last week, to the extent of \$20,000 and several lives were lost.

Arkansas is going to submit to the people a constitutional amendment which shall prohibit the payment of the Hayford bonds.

Geo. Scheller, proprietor of the New-hall house, Milwaukee, Wis., has been arrested charged with setting the fire which resulted so disastrously.

Central City the oldest American town in Grant county, is about to organize a town company and have the place surveyed for patent.

Silver City lutechers goto Fort Worth Texas for their beef cattle because, as they claim the stock is not to be had in New Mexico or Arizona.

Twenty-eight persons have died of small-pox recently in the little Mexican town of San Jose in the northern portion of Socorro county, on the river.

The Silver City New Southwest says at least 300 mule and ox teams are constantly hauling goods from Deming to Silver City and surrounding mining camps.

Albuquerque is raising money by subscription to build a new jail, and the board of trade is having printed a pamphlet entitled "Albuquerque as a business center."

A movement is on foot among stock men to do away with the revolver among cow-boys, a number of firms refusing to employ herdsmen who carry arms of any description.

The territorial supreme court has issued an order directing that Las Cruces shall hereafter be made the point for holding the sessions of the district court of Dona Ana county.

The El Paso and White Oaks railroad will probably be built this summer. It is stated that ground for the line has been broken at both ends of the route. The statement is not true.

Conrad & Co., manufacturers of Budweiser beer have failed. Assets and liabilities are about half a million dollars. The firm did a business of \$1,500,000 a year but too much of it was credited for the capitalization.

"For the first time in the history of the city of Boston, Samuel F. McCleary is not city clerk," says the Advertiser. "Father and son, they have filled the office sixty years, a period which was equally divided between them."

The Sunday Sun brings the news that Prof. Luqueure has discovered a zinc lead near Socorro. Geo. Yeakel discovered tin in the San Mateo's lately which proved to be iron. These things do happen.

The Socorro Sun chronicles that P. A. Simpson, our new sheriff, in trying to arrest two demonstrative cow-boys shot and killed one of them. The dead man's name was W. H. Townsend and he was in the employ of Hancock of Las Vegas.

Hotel fires are in fashion now. The Quincy House of Quincy, Illinois, one of the largest hotels in the city burned on the morning of the 19th. No lives were lost. The fire caught from defective flues. The loss over amount of insurance will be light.

Numa Raymond is preparing to erect a large block of buildings at Las Cruces immediately. The structure will fill all the space between the Commercial hotel and the corner south. Its dimensions will be 70x80 feet, and the Rio Grande Republic rejoices that one of the rooms will be fitted up for its especial accommodation.

The Santa Fe New Mexican announces its determination to continue the agitation of a free school system in New Mexico until it shall be an accomplished fact. The intention is a laudable one, and the efforts of the New Mexican should be seconded by every territorial paper. Free schools are an absolute necessity here as well as in other portions of this land.

Hon John A. Martin of Kansas, editor of the Atchison Champion, has been elected secretary of the republican national committee, vice Dorsey resigned. The committee has now got a secretary whose honesty, integrity and ability have never been challenged.

The trouble in Egypt isn't over with yet. A false prophet has arisen there and is making war upon the government. A fight occurred between the forces of the rebel and five hundred of the government troops in which two hundred and forty of the latter were killed and the remainder were taken prisoner.

Samuel Russel who died at the age of eighty-four years, in Newark, Delaware, lately, kept until his death the first dollar that he ever earned. A great many men that can be pointed out in every district in this country will have to live to be older than this to get that first dollar if there is no change in their personal habits.

There is a rumor afloat at Deming that Boston parties have a project ready to put into operation for building a railroad from that point to run into Old Mexico. The course of the line will be due south and it will run between the Sierra Madre and Sierra Mojada ranges. It will follow this course until it gets tired or brings up in some city already made or to be builded.

Dr. Dobbins, the millionaire miner is in from middle camp. The smelter fired up as he left Thursday morning, on Junita and Hardscrabble ore. Dr. Dobbins and R. M. Tweed, his partner, have made a fine strike on the Gardfield lode, situated near the summit of the Magdalena. At fourteen feet the ore body—carbonate—widened to ten feet. Test assays just made gave sixty dollars in silver and lead. A specimen chink now lies on the counter of the Grand Central. Work will be resumed next week.—Socorro Sun.

The Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe railroad company, with a view of encouraging the development of the mining interests of New Mexico, has made a large reduction of the freight tariff on New Mexico ores to Pueblo and Kansas City. This reduction will greatly boom mining interests, as it will leave miners a much larger margin on their ore, and will admit of their shipping ore of a lower grade a greater distance for treatment.—Albuquerque Journal.

There is trouble in France. Immediately following the funeral of Gambetta, Prince Jerome Napoleon issued a manifesto setting forth his claim to be ruler of the people who preferred to govern themselves and published it in the Figaro. The prince was arrested and thrown into prison. His friends and followers comprising the nobility who prefer the empire are organizing troops secretly throughout the republic and preparing to liberate their leader.

Damaian Romero, a seven-year old lad who one year ago shot and killed William A. Rockmidt in Colfax county, was, on the 17th, found guilty of murder in the first degree and has been sentenced to be hanged on the 2nd of next month. Gov. Sheldon permits no unnecessary delay in the execution of the judgment of the court. He evidently does not propose to give President Arthur an opportunity to interfere again. The idea is a good one.

Such a large majority of the members of the Kansas legislature, now in session, are in favor of the re-election of United States Senator Plumb, that it is deemed unnecessary for that gentleman to come home to "see about it," and it is generally understood that he will be chosen as his own successor, without leaving his post at Washington. This will be the first time that any man has ever been elected to the senate of Kansas without being on the ground, and going through a hot campaign.—Albuquerque Journal.

As was generally supposed the extreme cold weather of last week was not confined to this section. From all parts of the west the news of the inclemency of the weather on the 19th is now arriving. At Omaha and throughout the northwest the weather has been the most severe seen in five winters. A blizzard was cutting around over Nebraska and snow blockaded the railroads. Throughout Colorado and adjoining states in the evening at 7 o'clock the reports show: At Leadville, indications of snow, zero; Robinson, snowing hard, 4 degrees below zero; Red Cliff, snowing hard, 10 degrees below; Alma, snowing hard, 7 below; Kokomo, snowing hard, 10 below; San Francisco, snowing hard, 2 below; Boreas, snowing hard, 8 below; Breckenridge, cloudy,

20 below; Beuna Vista, light snow, 12 below; Canon City, light snow, 10 below; Gunnison, six inches snow, 8 above; Silver Cliff, light snow, 26 below, not been above 12 below at any time to-day—at sunrise 28 below; Querida, 2 below; Rosita, 25 below; Georgetown, 22 below; Idaho Springs, 20 below; Black Hawk, 22 below; Fort Collins, 20 below; Central City now 23 below, at six this morning it stood 31 below, has not been above 29 below during the day, with slight snow or frost falling all day; Pueblo, slight fall snow, 8 below; Colorado Springs, no snow since morning, 14 below; Trinidad, been snowing since 5 p. m., no signs of let up, 10 below; Lake City, snowing all day, 4 above; Del Norte, 18 above; Alamosa, snowing, 20 above; Cheyenne, Wyo., 24 below; Fort Wash- 24 below; Rawlins, 25 below; Rock Creek, 20 below; Echo, Canon, 10 below; Deadwood, D. T., 20 below; Chug Water, 10 below; White River, Col., 12 below; Kansas City, Mo., 10 below; Wallace, Kansas, 23 below; Santa Fe, snowing, 9 below; Omaha, 21 below; Sioux City, 26 below. During the night the cold increased and in the morning it was much colder.

Wanted to be Kind to His Wife.

His wife kept complaining about having too much work to do, and one day when he came home at noon and the dinner wasn't quite ready and he fussed about it, she quickly replied:

"Well, get a girl to help me with the work and then I'll guarantee you meals to be ready for you when you do happen to get home on time."

"That's all right," says he; "I'll do so. Now there's Mollie O'Rearn, she's out of a place now, and I believe we could get her."

"Indeed, and you'll not get her. You are a little too well acquainted with her already, I'm thinking."

"Well, how would Jenny Freil do? She's a nice well-behaved girl, and a splendid cook."

"A splendid cook, eh! and how did you find out that she's a 'splendid cook,' pray? Where have you been to see her cook?"

"Never saw her cook; just heard of her cooking well, that's all."

"No, sir; I'll have none of your Mollies or Jennies about me. I don't want any girl. If I get any help I'll do the selecting, and you can bet all you're worth it won't be any girl."

"Not any girl, eh! Oh, I see! You want to get a man servant."

"No, I will get no man servant; but if I get any, I'll get some dried-up snagg-toothed old woman; one with a breath that will knock you back like a shock of electricity should you go near her. I've got no time to lose watching you and a hired girl of your own selection. You can't get ahead of me."

He smiled a disappointed smile and walked out of the kitchen into the sitting-room feeling that he held only second place in that house.—Kentucky State Journal.

An Important Discovery.

A cablegram from London announces that a cheap process of producing aluminum has been discovered, and that there was great excitement in the metal trade in Birmingham and Sheffield in consequence. This discovery may lead to a revolution in many of the decorative and industrial arts, and do more for the progress of civilization than any discovery that has been made during the present century. That there was a metallic base for alumina, which constitutes a large portion of common clay, was acknowledged by the early chemists. During the early part of the present century, Davy, Berzelius and Oersted endeavored to obtain it by voltaic action, but were unsuccessful. It was first prepared by Wholer in 1827 and attracted great attention. He obtained it from the chlorine of aluminum by the employment of potassium of sodium to form a union with the chlorine. The method was so costly that only a small amount of it was produced. Outside the laboratory but little was made. A brilliant future was predicted for it, however, providing it could be obtained cheaply. During the past few years a considerable amount of it has been manufactured for making a peculiar kind of bronze and for combining with other metals for casting bells. It is very sonorous, and serves to impart a silvery tone to the sound of bells. As its oxide forms the chief constituent of clay, cryolite, and various other minerals, it is evident that it is more plentifully as well as more widely distributed than any other metal. It is very difficult to find any part of the habitable globe where it does not exist in inexhaustible quantities.

The metal resembles silver in color,

but has an agreeable bluish tint. It is very malleable and ductile, and will form alloys with all the more valuable metals. It does not oxidize in the air or water, and is proof against the action of the mild acids. It can be worked in more ways and to better advantage than most any known metal. It is destitute of odor and taste, and is not blackened by sulphureted hydrogen as silver is in atmospheres that receive a large amount of coal gas. It can take the place of silver in industrial arts, and can be used for many decorative purposes. It is four times lighter than silver, and only two and a half times heavier than water. It could take the place of tin in the manufacture of plated goods, and would make very beautiful and durable spoons, forks and dishes. It would be much better than nickel for making signs and various kinds of ornaments. Being very light and strong, it could take the place of wood in the manufacture of nearly all kinds of furniture. By combining aluminum metal with aluminum bronze most beautiful tables, sofas, bureaus and chairs could be made. Its strength and lightness would serve to insure its employment in carriages in place of wood. It may be practicable to employ it in the construction of railway cars and thus render them fire-proof. It would make elegant cornices for houses and wainscoting for rooms. Now that wood is becoming scarce, it may take its place for a great number of purposes besides those that have been mentioned. The public will wait with interest for more extended and definite reports about a discovery that promises to be of so much advantage to the world. We are just entering upon the aluminum age, which may be more glorious than the age of gold, silver or iron.

Going to School.

"Class in geography, come forward, and in case any of you drop a pencil, look out of the window or utter a cough I will keep the whole school in recess. Now, then, where is Green Cheese creek?"

They give it up.

"What! None of you able to answer that question? Here are twenty boys who expect to become business men, and seven girls who will become wives and mothers, and not one of you know that Green Cheese creek rises in the southeastern part of Hindoostan and flows in a northwesterly course for seventeen miles and twenty-two rods and empties into Ham river! You boys would look nice starting out as lawyers, doctors and book-keepers, wouldn't you? Go to your seats, and as a punishment each one of you must write fifty words and give me the name of every president of the United States."

"Class in arithmetic, step this way, and be careful how you step or you won't get any dinner to-day. Now, James, what is a rhomboid?"

"I don't know, sir."

"You don't? You are expecting to grow up and be one clerk in a clothing store, and you don't know what a rhomboid is! A rhomboid, sir, is a parallelogram whose opposite sides only are equal, and whose angles are not right angles. Take your seat, and don't you dare to look up until you have committed seventeen pages of history to memory."

"Now, Thomas, what is the amount due on a note for \$467.10 $\frac{1}{4}$, given for one year, one day, one hour and nine-tenths of a minute, and bearing 7 3-11 per cent. interest? Come, now, answer off-hand."

"Can't do it, sir."

"You can't? Only yesterday you told me that you intended to run a grist-mill when you grew up, and here you can't answer a simple question in mathematics! You'll never be able to run one end of a corn-sheller, and I might as well tell you so now. Go to your seat and cipher out one hundred and sixty examples in vulgar fractions."

"Class in ancient history, now advance. When was the first rebellion against the Assyrian king Sardanapalus?"

No answer.

"James, Henry, Charles, Samuel—what! None of you able to answer this question? You are preparing to go out into the world as insurance canvassers, telegraph operators, bank clerks and board of trade speculators, and behold your ignorance! What would any of you do in case you were walking through an alley on a dark night twenty years hence and some one should suddenly stop you and ask the question? The class is dismissed. How the next generation will manage to run stores and factories and keep the wheels of commerce and progress moving I don't know."—Detroit Free Press.

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ROBINSON.

Tom Butler last week shot three turkeys at one shot about a mile and a half from Edward's camp.

An assay outfit having a Troemer rider balance and other fixtures to correspond, can be purchased very cheaply of Joe Moorhead at Robinson.

J. L. M. Hill has been appointed by the board of county commissioners, as road supervisor for the Robinson precinct.

Jim Ryan will farm at Canada. Alamosa the coming season. Encouraged by his success last year he will plant one hundred bushels of potatoes. Last year he raised the finest potatoes that found their way into the range markets.

Wm. Teague while absent on the Rio Grande found a ranch which suited him and purchased it for one hundred and twenty dollars. It contains eighty acres and is well ditched and otherwise improved. It lies north of Santa Barbara, near Colorado, in Dona Ana county. He purchases simply that of the right of the Mexican who was living upon it and title from the government is yet to be secured. Mr. Teague says that the valley there is rapidly settling with Americans, and that the fever so prevalent on most of the bottom lands does not effect this section. He returned to Robinson last week but will go to his new home about the 10th of March.

FAIRVIEW.

The firm of Armstrong Bros. & Young has dissolved, Mr. Young retiring and Armstrong brothers continuing the business.

The wagons are busy now hauling ore to the Fairview Smelter, and one hundred tons will be there ready for reduction in two or three weeks.

George A. Purdy and party, capitalists from Missouri, came in on Wednesday evening's stage to look at Cuchito Negro property and such other as they can find to suit them.

Jealousy was the cause of a little pistol play on the part of one of the prominent citizens of Fairview, on Wednesday. There was considerable scree but no damage done.

The Lackey brothers and Ma'ony are all working on their late strike, working two shifts. They will run the shaft down to a depth of a hundred feet or more or knock the bottom out of it, one of the two. As it lies between soil walls and gives nice mineral at the surface it is hardly likely to play out at once. The probabilities are that it is permanent.

The weather of the last ten days was apparently the coldest that this country has seen for years, yet the thermometer lacked several degrees of registering as low as it did last winter. The blowing of the wind on Saturday made the impression of the air appear more frigid than it really was. On the coldest day of this winter the thermometer at Chloride marked two degrees below zero, while last year it was several times at zero and once two degrees below. The coldest weather last year was in February. Ice is frozen much thicker in the streams this season than last, which is owing to the cold being more continuous. These cold days make people who live in adobe houses appreciate their fortunate situation.

GRAFTON.

Maj. Dow has returned to stay. He brought his grip with him.

W. H. Beery, who has been in California for some time past, has returned.

The boys had a grand ball at the Miners' Exchange on Wednesday evening.

A. P. Dyer has been appointed agent for the Southwestern Stage line, at Grafton.

The Southwestern Stage company has secured a lot and will erect a stable for their stock.

Moosaw Bros. and Knight have struck some fine mineral on the Hiawatha, near Antelope Springs.

Frank H. Winston has purchased the lot next to his store and will erect an adobe business house.

Mr. Winn has been in town for the past few days. He has been rusticated on the Gila for several months.

A yearling cub bear treed Mr. Young of Slabtown and kept him in the air until he killed it with his revolver.

I. C. Hunicutt has gone to Lake Valley after a herd of horses for D. C. Cantwell, who will put them on his ranches on the Gila.

The hanging wall of the Buckeye has been struck. The ledge is about twenty feet wide, showing a large body of mineral, two feet of which is high grade.

Stone & Libby have closed their surveying contract in New Mexico. Mr. Stone has gone to Santa Fe; he will go to Washington soon to do some contract work.

J. W. Nash has sold his stock of groceries and hardware to Bunn & Bros., of Fairview, and will start for California as soon as he can settle his business in the Range.

The Occidental machinery is being put in place, and will be in running order in about twenty days. Already there is a large quantity of first class ore on the dump.

Dr. Williams and brother, who have been on the Gila for the past three months in search of health and recreation, have gone to the Perchas much improved in health.

Work is progressing on the Royal Arch. Crystals are found bearing the hues of the rainbow and sparkle like diamonds. A good many people have made applications for the precious stones out of which they will make breast pins.

By the accidental discharge of a revolver in the hand of one of his fellow companions, Wednesday morning, Ed. Sebastian had a furrow plowed in his thigh and his horse killed. The shot cut through the skirt of the saddle and penetrated the heart of the animal, which dropped dead in its tracks. This was on the road from Chloride to Fairview.

CHLORIDE.

The Bank Saloon under its new management opened Wednesday night with free drinks and a free house.

Capt. Bryant went out on Tuesday's coach bound for his home in Nebraska, where he will visit for a few weeks.

A. S. Lanstrum is working on the Durango, one of his claims on Chloride creek, with the intention of sinking a thirty foot shaft.

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The mob on Tuesday evening shot through Mrs. Andrew's hen house and killed one of her most valuable Plymouth Rock fowls. However, it has been or will be paid for.

Billy James and Jim Barr began a twenty foot shaft contract on the Silver Monument for Von Wendt and Drake, the recent purchasers. They will take out ore and pile it up for shipment.

C. J. Dow has resigned the superintendency of the Colossal, and Allen McMillan has taken his place. Mr. Dow will give his entire time and attention hereafter to the Buckeye at Grafton.

Larry McDonald and Thos. Yates returned from the Perchas this week. Business that has been stagnant for some time in that district is rapidly reviving and it is probable that a month or so will see things booming.

Geo. B. McAuley has purchased the interests in the Kings Nos. 1 and 2 and Way-Up hitherto held by O. Bentley. The present sale, if it does not go through, will be off this week, when work will be resumed on the property.

Tom Miller returned this week from a trip to the San Andres bringing with him some handsome specimens of ore from that country. He reports that not much work is being done there at this time, but what little work is doing is encouraging.

Oscar Potenhauer and Charley Jones go up Chloride gulch this week to begin assessments for the year 1883 on the Black Hawk, Mountain Beauty, Silver Bell and other claims on which they hold interests. When the assessments are finished additional work will be mapped out upon the properties.

Mose Thompson writes that he starts from San Francisco this week with a purchaser for the Kings and Way Up property. This is good news and the hope is expressed that none of the owners will go back on the contract because of the date fixed in the article of agreement being passed.

Dalton Dalglish is happy now, having traded his two bear cubs to Geo. B. McAuley for a rifle. The Kid says he can shoot all the bears he is likely to require in his business hereafter. McAuley took the animals to Engle where he will keep them until he goes east when he proposes to take them to Chicago.

Wm. Jones is employed on Dry creek on his Hoosier Bill, the second extension of the Buffum. The ledge is well defined, lying compactly between two walls, and it promises exceedingly well. There is one assessment now finished, and he will sink the shaft to a depth of fifty or seventy-five feet.

All that is needed is a little encouragement to make the range towns grow rapidly this spring. Dozens of persons are standing ready to put up buildings in Chloride just so soon as there appears to be a prospect of work beginning on any of the good prospects now lying idle in this vicinity.

Chas. Krasher and J. H. Drake have finished the assessment work for the year on the Legal Tender lode, on Mineral creek, doing twenty-one feet of work for the money. The ledge was given a crosscut at the bottom and proved to be eight feet wide. It shows a handsome mineral streak.

The affairs of the Bank Saloon were amicably adjusted by a board of arbitration and Harris and Lewis settled up, in accordance with the decision of the arbitrators and dissolved partnership. The business entire was purchased by J. H. Beeson, lately of Carthage, Missouri, and Maj. Beebe, who will continue it in its heretofore elegant style.

The refusal of the Silver Gleaner mine and its extension for one month at \$30,000 has been given to a party who will

attempt to place it in Pennsylvania. The Silver Gleaner is classed among the best properties of the range. It has a mineral ledge two and a half feet across which gives large assays. It has a shaft some forty feet deep and a large ore dump. The ore assays \$250 and more.

The disgraceful and dangerous proceedings of Tuesday night will not be repeated in Chloride. The boys of this town have learned better, and a committee of safety, composed of law abiding and determined men, has been organized for the sole purpose of handling just such cases. Visitors will be severely dealt with who attempt to play the "holy terror" on the public streets or in frequented localities.

J. J. Dalglish has retired from the business of J. J. Dalglish & Co., merchants of Chloride, and Geo. Turner will hereafter conduct the business alone. Mr. Dalglish has recently purchased thirty cows and to these he will add as opportunity for purchase offers and he will devote his attention to ranching. The people of Chloride regret to see the dissolution of the pioneer grocery firm but they will all wish Mr. Dalglish success in his new business and they will trade with Mr. Turner as of yore.

A. O. Gere writes from his present residence in Stafford, Kansas, to Capt. Harris, of Chloride, that recently the bear which as a cub he bought from Mr. Harris and took back with him had a fight with a man. The bear was killed and the man was injured considerably by the encounter. This cub was picked up in the road between Robinson and Fairview by A. J. Maxwell of the former place, when it was very young and nothing was ever seen or heard of its maternal parent.

The wife of B. Lohrman, a property owner, and until a month or two ago a resident of Chloride, died in Richmond, Virginia, on the 4th inst., of small-pox. Mrs. Lohrman had until a month or so previously resided in El Paso but when the small-pox broke out there she fled in terror to Virginia. She found the disease worse in the ancient state than in Texas and took it at once with fatal effect. The two children that she took with her are now in Richmond while their father is in El Paso.

Alex. Von Wendt returned from Denver, last Friday, bringing with him his partner Thomas Drake. They have let a small contract on the Silver Monument to occupy the time at the present when they are about other business, but they will soon be ready to push operations. Both gentlemen are so well satisfied with this country that they are not satisfied with the one property they have, but they covet more and are taking steps to secure it. Mr. Drake is at Denning this week, while Mr. Von Wendt is viewing the Palomas in charge of Henry Westerman.

The people of Hillsboro and the other towns of the south end of the range who are interested in having a road built to connect with the north will please observe that work has been actively going on at this end of the range for a couple of weeks past, and that good progress has been made on the road. If the people of the south will go to work and raise what money is possible and will proceed to expend it in the most judicious manner, it need not be long before we have a good and direct wagon communication, and a regular stage and mail line established thereon.

Chloride had its first genuine cowboy experience on Tuesday night. The worst feature of the affair was that only one or two of the crowd were cow-boys, the remainder being citizens of Grafton and Chloride. Pistol shooting made night hideous, the noise greatly annoying not to say injuring ladies with weaknesses and ill health, and the random shots penetrating the houses placed the lives of every citizen in danger. The actors in the hoodlum proceedings are heartily ashamed of themselves now, and the people of the town have taken precautions that the scene shall not be repeated, so it leaves little to be said on the subject. It has been productive of one good. It has, without the loss of life usual to such cases, stirred the people up to that organization which is absolutely necessary in a frontier town and which must sooner or later be perfected.

HERMOSA.

The Embolite, a new location shows fine galena ore.

Ten men from the Palomas camp begin work on the Hillsboro and Chloride road to-day. They will work north of Hermosa.

The new cut on the Albatros one hundred and fifty feet from the old tunnel is showing up a fine body of ore. The Pelican, an adjoining claim to the Albatros and owned by the same parties, likewise shows fine ore.

Richard Mansfield White has returned to Hermosa from his trip to White Oaks. He will put two men at work on the Columbia at once. Recent developments on Palomas Chief have shown up so well that the owners contemplate putting on three shifts of men. This will develop the mine rapidly.

Palomas Mining District.—Boundaries and Laws. Pursuant to notice the miners on the Rio Palomas met at the Palomas cabin, Socorro county, N. M., on January 21st,

1883, for the purpose of forming a mining district and enacting laws and regulations to govern the same.

Mr. R. M. White was elected chairman and E. C. Johnson secretary of the meeting.

It was moved and seconded that a permanent organization should be effected and that regular officers be elected in the following order: president, vice-president, secretary and treasurer. Carried.

Moved that the president be elected by ballot. Carried. Mr. R. M. White was unanimously elected.

It was moved and seconded that the other officers be elected by acclamation. Carried. The following officers were then elected: for vice-president, Sam P. Foster; for secretary, E. C. Johnson; for treasurer, James C. Moody.

It was moved and seconded that we now organize a mining district to be bounded as follows, to wit: Commencing at the point in Monument creek where the old Victorio trail forks, about one-fourth of a mile below Wenman's cabin, thence westerly up the creek to the summit of the range, thence southerly along the summit of the range to the headwaters of the Arroyo Seco, thence easterly to the junction of the Arroyo Seco and the Salados, thence northerly to the place of beginning. Motion put by the chair and adopted.

Moved and seconded that said district be named the Palomas mining district. Carried.

On motion the following by-laws and regulations were adopted:

That the president and secretary, or in their absence five miners owning mines in said district, can call a miners' meeting by posting notice in three conspicuous places in said district one week previous to the time set for said meeting, one of the notices to be posted on the Palomas cabin.

That seven mine owners shall be necessary to form a quorum in order to transact business.

That on all locations made subsequent to this date, one hundred dollars worth of work shall be expended on each by the locator or locators thereof, within ninety days from date of location.

That in the location of claims the four corners shall be plainly marked by stakes, and in writing, indicating what corner each and everyone is.

Moved and seconded that the proceedings of this meeting be published in the BLACK RANGE. Carried.

Moved and seconded that a vote of thanks be extended to the BLACK RANGE in recognition of the able and valuable services which that paper is rendering this portion of the range. Carried.

Moved to adjourn. Carried. R. M. WHITE, Pres. E. C. JOHNSON, Secretary.

The Perchas.

Times are on the improve. The new strikes in the mines are creating great excitement.

The Superior mine has struck a lead of ore running from 2000 to 3000 ounces per ton of silver.

The Solitaire has discharged its lone sentry and gone to work. They have found a lead of native silver, the richest ever found in the Range. No labor attachments this time, we hope the boys will continue in their good work.

The Gem Extension is looking way up, and Tom Fay thinks a few days work in the right direction will place it among the first-class.

The Jackass claim looks as if it had a precious lode in sight. The assessment work is being done.

The small-pox is a thing of the past in this section, the last case being discharged from the pest house to-day.

The saw and shingle mills have closed down for the season.

The town is in a fever of excitement over the shooting affray in Hillsboro.

Tally one for Percha City, she can boast of an ice house filled from Carbonate creek.

Large amounts of coal and lime are being burnt in Saw Pit canon.

Snow and wind storms predominate in these parts. DEFACTO.

MINING NEWS.

The Torrence mine will commence working thirteen men next week.


Notwithstanding the great amount of ore shipped from the Last Chance mine at Pyramid, over 10,000 tons remain on the dump.

It is estimated that 300,000 tons of ore are in sight at the Viola mine at Pyramid, nine miles south of Lordsburgh, and about 4,000 tons actually on the dump which will assay \$80 per ton.

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WITTICISMS.

A window-shutter—the porter. A pointer: If you can't spell, write such a bad hand that nobody can tell what the letters are. The use of iron can't increase the running qualities of a dog, but tin can.—Rockland Gazette. The man who "couldn't stand it any longer" has taken a seat, and now feels quite comfortable. A country editor has been made the victim of a diamond robbery. His opponent stole the ace of that suit out of the pack. "This insurance policy is a queer thing," said Dobbs reflectively. "If I can't sell it, I cancel it; and, if I cancel it, I can't sell it." The lady trapezists are green with jealousy over a newspaper paragraph that tells of a bride who "walked in on her father's arm." There are some marriages which remind us of the poor fellow who said, "She couldn't get any husband, and I couldn't get any wife, so we got married." First small girl—"I know what I am going to be when I grow up!" Second, ditto—"What are you going to be when you grow up?" First small girl—"A widder!" Little Lottie to her friend: "I have so many cares. Yesterday a little baby sister arrived and papa is on a journey. It was but a piece of luck that mamma was at home to take care of it." Since an intelligent jury indicted a man who shot his wife, by mistake, for a stray cat, a great many Connecticut husbands have lost all confidence in the jury system. A man took his seat in the barber's chair; he asked the barber if he had the same razor he used two days before. Being answered affirmatively, the patient man said: "Then give me chloroform." One cannot but view with alarm the reported growth of sponge culture in Florida, for any one who has suffered from the experience knows that the cultured sponge is the very worst of the whole species.—Boston Transcript. A loving couple in Iowa were, says the local chronicler, separated by "a cold cloud of frozen realism." It is evident that it was not the harsh question that disturbed them. However cold or frozen harsh may be, it has never been described as a realism. When a Frenchman wants to say "How do you do?" he renders it "How do you carry yourself?" Of course this wouldn't do in America, where lots of men never carry themselves. They make the policemen do it. Times must be growing bad when the clock business becomes dull, as is now the case in Connecticut. The clock hands never strike, however, and though always seen outside the works, they can do more there than they could inside. By the aid of a telephone a banjo player was heard twenty-five miles. There is a great advantage in having an audience at this distance. If the music is intensely aggravating, the listeners can't throw stones and things. Even a rifle won't carry twenty five miles. A gentleman lost a pocketbook containing \$5 in money and a lock of his girl's hair, which he valued very highly. A reward of \$25 was advertised would be paid the finder. Early the following morning the whole business was returned to him intact. This little incident not only shows the value of advertisements, but it also establishes the fact that honesty is by no means uncommon. A young author was telling us of his woes with regard to a book. Said he: "I gave it to one publisher to read, and he accepted it and said he would publish it. But three days later he committed suicide. Then I showed it to another publisher. He agreed to publish it, and the next week took all his partners money and fled to Europe. And then—what the blazes are you laughing at?"—Boston Post. When he had called the meeting to order, Brother Gardner arose and said: "Gen'l'men, if it wasn't for de wheels on a wagon, the wagon wouldn't move. When de wheels is on, den What?" "Grease!" solemnly exclaimed an old man. "Kerrect!" whispered the president, softly rubbing his hands together. "We hez de wagon an' de wheels. We will now pass de hat aroun' for de grease."—Detroit Free Press. "Which am de properest way to suppress oneself; does yer say: 'We eated at de table,' or 'We has done eat at de table?'" asked one darkey of another, they being engaged in a grammatical discussion. As they could not agree, the question was referred to Uncle Mose for his decision, which was: "In de case ob you two niggahs, none ob you am right." "What am de proper way to say 'We eated at de table,' Uncle Mose?" "De properest way for sich cattle as you two am to say: 'We fed at de trol.'"—Texas Siftings. A clerk of an eminently respectable house, the head of which is a deacon, was instructed to prepare an advertisement and have it inserted in the papers. He prepared one which read: "The pot scooped! We hold four aces to the bob-tail dush of any other house

in town on fine table cloth." When the deacon saw the advertisement it positively made him dizzy, and the fact that he was called upon by the church to explain it didn't make the clerk's act of resignation any more pleasant for him to go through. Why the "Roarer" Left Town. About the year 1851 the most influential man in San Antonio was an alleged desperado named Bob Augustine. Bob came to San Antonio with a fearful record. He enjoyed the reputation of having killed a dozen or so of men, and was respected accordingly. While he was in San Antonio he did not reduce the census at all, but that was not his fault. He had a seductive way of drawing his eighteen-inch Arkansas toothpick and examining it critically with a sinister smile while humbly requesting the temporary loan of five dollars. This it was that Bob went about acquiring wealth and warm personal friends, but creating no funerals. There were some rumors that Bob was playing bluff, but that was after he had marched away. It was during the reign of Bob Augustine, "the long-ranged Roarer of the Calaveras Canyon," as he familiarly called himself, that a young man from Boston, named John Winthrop, came to San Antonio, presumably in search of health, as he brought very little with him. He was far gone in consumption, and nothing but the fact that he had but a short time to live, unless the climate of Western Texas saved him, induced him to come to San Antonio. As everybody carried a pistol, Winthrop did not care to insult public decency by going unarmed. Besides, such a course might as seriously interfere with his restoration to health as putting on a clean shirt. His puritan training caused him to revolt at the idea of carrying fire-arms, so he resorted to artifice. He wore a holster, but instead of keeping a pistol in it he had his cash funds stored away there and nobody was the wiser for it. On the contrary, Winthrop was looked up to by the best citizens just the same as if he was loaded down with deadly weapons. Of course everybody tried to make the stranger from Massachusetts feel as comfortable as if he was at home; so he was told all about Bob Augustine, the long-ranged Roarer, at least ten times a day, and he was advised not to be particular in asking security for the debt in case the Roarer wanted to borrow a small temporary loan, unless he, Winthrop, did not wish to regain his health. As might have been expected, the long-ranged Roarer called on Winthrop to collect his usual assessments on strangers. Winthrop was of the opinion that if would save his life and lose all his money he would be doing unusually well. The long-ranged Roarer's idea was to chase the blue-bellied Yankee around the room for a time or so, collect five or ten dollars, and perhaps make some ear-marks a la Whitaker, so he would know him in a crowd if he should meet him again. The long ranged Roarer sauntered into Winthrop's saloon at the hotel, but, before the desperado could open his mouth or draw a weapon, the unfortunate Yankee threw back his coat and with trembling fingers tugged at his pistol holster to get at his money to appease the would-be-assassin. On the other hand, as soon as the Roarer saw Winthrop trying to get out his pistol, he turned as pale as a ghost. The alleged desperado's knees knocked together, the cold sweat boiled out all over him and he extended his hand and said in trembling accents: "Don't draw, good Mr. Yankee! I was only trying to fool you. My bold Arkansas heart beats for you, my boy, I just wanted to teach you a lesson. Never let any darned galoot get the drop on you. If any 'body insults you, just tell them that Bob Augustine, the Roarer, is your friend." Winthrop, who was more scared, it possible, than the Roarer, replied: "O, I'll give you what you want," and kept on tugging at the holster, which came unbuckled. With a yell of dismay the desperado passed out through the window, carrying off the sash, and ran down Commodore street, the principal thoroughfare, with the sash on his neck, howling, "Police! police!" closely pursued by Winthrop, who kept on tugging at his holster, trying to get out his money, he believing that the desperado was running to his room to procure a shot-gun with which to commit murder. All that afternoon Winthrop kept on hunting the Roarer to purchase peace on any terms, and the Roarer hid himself to avoid the pistol of the Boston man. Next morning the long-ranged Roarer of the Calaveras Canyon was missing, while Winthrop was the lion of the day for having run off the terror of the Alamo City. San Marcial appears to be a fat-d city. It has had more fires than any other place of its size in the territory. In fact as much property has been destroyed in San Marcial by the devouring element during the past eighteen months as in all other towns of its size in New Mexico combined. Following the burning of the depot buildings, last week another conflagration destroyed Joe Mark's bakery and the store occupied by Conwell's drugs and Smith's jewelry; Mark's loss was about \$1,000, Conwell's \$2,000 and Smith's \$1,500.

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